

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79601

Tomoe ARUGA

Appln. No.: 10/764,487

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 6270

Examiner: Sandra L. BRASE

Filed: January 27, 2004

For: FIXING RUBBER ROLLER, FIXING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
INCORPORATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

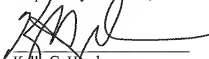
Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated December 7, 2006. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II, claims 31-40 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-30.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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